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## **NEWS SUMMARY:** Kenosha County Awarded Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced today that Kenosha County has received a grant of \$250,000 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. The funds are from Project Safe Neighborhoods a national program to reduce gun violence.

District Attorney Robert J Jamobis will use the funds to target gun crime and in Kenosha County. The District Attorney's Office will hire a prosecutor to coordinate criminal gun cases from the investigative phase with law enforcement officers through the charging, trial, and sentencing process. The prosecutor will be cross-designed as an Special Assistant United States Attorney who will be able to prosecute cases both locally and federally.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nation-wide commitment to reduce gun crime. The goal is to take a hard line against gun criminals through every available means to create safer neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods seeks to achieve heightened coordination among federal, state, and local law enforcement, with an emphasis on tactical intelligence gathering, more aggressive prosecutions, and enhanced accountability through performance measures.

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic stated, "Whereas Project Safe Neighborhoods has been a strategy in the Eastern District of Wisconsin to reduce the level of gun violence, I am pleased that funding has been made available to local prosecutors to help in this effort under this program."

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